Your Problems

By Ann Landers

DEAR ANN: I've been married eight years and I'm having trouble with my wife. We have a seven-year-old boy and I'm trying hard for his sake to keep the home together.

My wife took a job as "Barbelle." (This is a new one on me, too. It's a girl who carries the drinks from the bar to the tables.) She wears a short skirt, black lace stockings, and a tight satin blouse which is low in the front. This is her uniform but I don't think it's a proper outfit for a wife and mother.

She took the job for fun. We don't need the money. Her new friends are a pack of divorced girls. They have poor reputations and look like tramps.

My wife's hours are from 7 p.m. to 3 a.m. so I'm at home every night with the boy. She throws dinner on the table and runs out of the door. Some mornings she doesn't come in until 7 a.m.

I've talked to her father and he says to let her get the running around out of her system. What is your opinion? —TIRED.

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You'll be out of your mind before your wife "gets the running around out of her system." Since you don't need the extra money and this job is knocking your marriage to pieces, I suggest you have a frank talk with your wife and tell her she can choose between the two.

Any woman who'd rather chase around with low characters and spend every night balancing martinis in a smoked-filled bistro doesn't deserve the status of wife and mother. Maybe a few months of this routine as a steady diet and living alone in a rented room will open her eyes.

Life Ruined at 13!

Dear Ann: I'm 13 years old and my life is already ruined. My Parents won't let me date.

A certain male person has asked me to attend the movies with him but my father made a law that I can't go with male people until I am in high school. This is almost two years away and I don't think I'll be able to stand it.

I know several girls my age who can go on dates. I think my folks are being very unfair. Please say something to help me out of this prison before I dry up. Thank you. —TRUDY.

Dear Trudy: Thirteen years old and already heading for the Old Folk's Home? I'm sorry but I can't give you much help, chicken. Dating should begin in high school and not before. Tell the boy to ask you again in a couple of years.

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Dear Ann: This may sound like a minor problem to you but it has troubled me for a long time. I hope you can help.

When I am with people. I talk too much. I get nervous and rattle on without thinking about what I'm saying. Sometimes I find myself expressing such stupid ideas that I am ashamed. I notice also that I say things about people that are not in the best taste just to keep a conversation going.

I don't want to be known as a gossip or a fool, but I'm afraid if people judge me by some of my gabby performances that is what they will think. Why do I do this when I know better? How can I stop?—TALKATIVE.

Ask Questions, Listen

Many people talk because they find silence embarrassing. They have the mistaken notion that silence is a sign of stupidity.

Relax when you're in a group. Ask questions and listen. Make up your mind that you're not going to say a word unless you can improve on the silence. As one wit put it long ago "It is far better to say nothing—and be thought a fool — than to open your mouth and remove all doubt."

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Confidential to Thrice Crushed by Love: The best safety device in the world is your head. Why don't you use it? The word you are looking for is no.

Does almost everyone have a good time but you? If so, send for Ann Landers' new booklet, "How to Be Well-Liked," enclosing with your request 20 cents in coin and a large, self-addressed, stamped envelope.

(Ann Landers will be glad to help you with your problems. Send them to her in care of this newspaper and enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope.)

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Family's Red Letter Day

Proud smiles wreathe faces of Mrs. Ascott and 11-year-old twin daughters, Sandra, left, and Margot, as they watched Sqdn. Ldr. D. B. Ascott take command of 2455 Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron Sunday afternoon in Bay Street Armory. Sqdn. Ldr. Ascott succeeds Sqdn. Ldr. R. D. Higgins as commanding officer of the squadron.—(Photo by R. Clarke.)

And Love It!

Women Become Fewer

LONDON (CP) — Almost unnoticed, a remarkable change has taken place in the population of England and Wales. There now are more men than women in the most marriageable age group, 20 to 29.

Statistics for 1958, published by the registrar-general, show that there are 2,832,000 men and 2,821,000 women in the age group. And the government office estimates that by 1997 there will be 3,576,000 men to 3,394,200 women.

POSITION REVERSED

This is a reversal of the former position when women outnumbered men. In 1925, for instance, there were 4,325,600 men to 4,975,100 women and in 1930 there were 4,715,200 men to 5,110,600 women.

The reversal has been due mainly to improvements in child welfare. More boys are born than girls (about 106 to 100) and health improvements over the last 20 years have led to a drop in the male mortality rate, always higher than the female.

MORE MALES

In all the age groups up to 29 there now are more males than females but from 29 onwards there are more women than men.

This change is welcomed by the women themselves. There is much less danger of "being left on the shelf." Before 1939, a number of girls carved out careers realizing that they had little chance of marriage. Girls today are not so keen to sacrifice their private lives to become "career girls" when marriage prospects are so good.

There is much less danger, too, of becoming a "wallflower" at a dance. In dance halls today there are always more boys than girls, a far cry from the pre-war days when finding a male partner was a competitive business.

Eat Termites, Flies For Special Health!

PARIS (WNS) — Dr. Labouche, a French specialist in dietetics, has advised housewives to serve insects at regular intervals. "They are rich in proteins,' he insisted. "Natives in the Congo who eat termites, mosquitoes, flies and scarabs have a special health that we should try to emulate."

'Bachelor' Foots Bill

Rooster Marries Girl as Proxy

HONG KONG (NANA) — A 60-year-old Chinese, who had all along considered himself a bachelor, returned here after spending 30 years in America to discover that for the last 25 years he had in fact been legally married to a woman he had never seen.

The strange case came to light recently when a 53-year-old woman named Chan Kam sued Wat Kam-Sang for maintenance, claiming that she had been married to Wat for the last 25 years although she had never seen him before.

It was revealed in evidence that Chan married Wat by proxy in a Chinese wedding ceremony in Wat's native village in the Po On district of China 25 years ago. In that ceremony, a rooster was used to represent Wat.

Wat, however, was not told of the wedding because the whole family depended on his earnings in America for their support and the family did not wish to "upset" him.

Lin Ping-Liang, an expert in Chinese law and customs, testified that in certain districts of China, including Po On district, a rooster could represent a bridegroom in a Chinese wedding.

He said that, as long as the bride stayed at the home of her husband for a number of years, and as long as she kow-towed to her husband's ancestors during festivals, she was considered a legal wife. It did not matter whether the husband was present or absent.

At the end of the hearing, the magistrate, Hin-Shing Lo, ruled that Chan was legally married to Wat and he ordered Wat to pay Chan Hong Kong $100 (U.S. $17) a month maintenance.

15-Year-Old Has Triplets

SAN ANTONIO, Tex. (AP) —A 15-year-old wife, Mrs. Frank Agueros, gave birth to triplets Friday with a midwife in attendance for two births and a policeman-minister helping with the third.

Hospital attendants said the three sons were doing well in an incubator.

The father, 18, reported he is broke and jobless.

"But I can do anything, now," he declared in a burst of pride.

$11,200,000 in Diamonds

Glitter On Show

LONDON (NANA)—If diamonds really are a girl's best friend, the friendliest place on earth this month is the famed London showroom of Christie's auction house.

Clustered there — and drawing huge crowds—is the largest and most valuable collection of diamonds ever assembled under one roof — $11,200,000 worth.

Two parts of the largest diamond ever found, made into a two-stone brooch more than three inches long for the Queen of England, sparkles close to the famed Williamson Pink, a freak 23-carat pink diamond which alone is valued at more than $1,260,000.

STONES UNIQUE

The exhibition, called "The Ageless Diamond," was organized by De Beers Consolidated Mines, the vast monopoly which controls more than 90 per cent of the world's output of jewel-quality diamonds.

"It is almost impossible to put a value on many of the stones in the exhibit, since they are unique and irreplaceable," a spokesman for De Beers said the other day.

"The figure of £4,000,000 ($11,200,000) as a value of the diamonds on display is therefore a conservative one," he explained.

LOANS FROM QUEEN

Since the exhibition is for charity, diamonds from their personal collections have been loaned by Queen Elizabeth, other members of the Royal Family, many of England's noble families, American diamond dealer Harry Winston and many others.

Queen Elizabeth's loans include the stones she calls "my best diamonds." These 21 diamonds, given to her by the Union of South Africa on her 21st birthday, are mounted on a necklace and a bracelet.

GLITTERING TIARA

The Queen has also lent a tiara of hundreds of stones set into close-packed spikes radiating from the headband, made for Queen Alexandra in 1888. Queen Elizabeth also owns the Williamson Pink.

Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother, has lent her diamond star badge of the Order of the Garter, Britain's highest award. Only 10 years old, the decoration has been called the finest Garter star in existence.

Harry Winston's loan, the only non-British item on display, is the 79.41 carat Nepal diamond. It is a pear-shaped stone, found 400 years ago in India's Golconda mine, origin of the infamous Koh-I-Noor, Hope and Grand Mogul diamonds.

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Around the Clubs

The Victoria branch of the Registered Music Teachers' Association will meet in the studio of Miss G. Mahaffy, 741 Fort Street, tomorrow at 8 p.m. Col. J. Q. Gillan will speak on the Gregorian Chant and will illustrate his speech with recordings.

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Esquimalt Golden Age club will meet in the Scout Hall, Fraser Street at 2 p.m. tomorrow.

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Nominations will take place at the meeting of the St. Louis College Mothers' Club, to be held today at 8 p.m. at 1002 Pandora.

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Prayer and healing study meeting will be held tomorrow in the Cathedral Memorial Hall at 3 p.m.

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Robert Burns McMicking Chapter IODE holds its annual meeting Feb. 2 at 8 p.m. at the Oak Bay Beach Hotel.

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The Daughters of St. George No. 238 will hold a social meeting Friday in the K of P Hall.

LIVED IN TOWER

The last British monarch to reside in the tower of London was James 1, who reigned from 1603 to 1625.

For Women!

Men Make Success Possible

MONTREAL (CP)—There's a man behind the success of every woman, says Dr. Milly B. Halberstadt, a general practitioner of Malone, N.Y. Mother of three, she believes a woman can go only as far as her husband helps her go in business or a career.

Her husband, Joseph, has a doctorate as a chemist. He is a metal company executive in their home town.

"My husband is basically a scientist," she said, "and he has always understood my desire for a career. As a woman in medicine I've never run into any prejudice."

Her home life is not without its minor problems, she admitted. Once when her son Joseph, now 17, was younger, one of his companions had opened a door for her as she entered a building.

"My mother is not a lady," young Joseph told his friend. "She's only a doctor."

SCOTS IN AFRICA

The Union of South Africa has about 45 Caledonian societies with a membership of 10,000 Scots.

Rotary Officers Installed

Mrs. Alma Bradbury was named president of the Victoria Rotary Women's Auxiliary at the first luncheon meeting of the year held at the Uacific Club last Thursday.

Mrs. Edna Clark installed Mrs. Jean Osborne as secretary, Mrs. Tillie Brown as treasurer and Mrs. Mona Morrison and Mrs. Rita Love as first and second vice-presidents respectively.

Four new directors named were Mrs. E. Davidson, Mrs. D. Gilmore, Mrs. P. Marshall and Mrs. V. Veres. Four directors serving their second year are Mrs. H. Green, Mrs. B. Cranston, Mrs. O. Coles and Mrs. P. Upward.

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